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Title: FATTY ACID TRANSPORTER PROTEINS
AND THE GENES ENCODING THE
PROTEINS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004 Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-6 and 9-11, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide, an expression vector, and a method of producing the encoded protein, for examination.